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- 3. The claimed invention for which a patent is sought in the above-identified application was conceived prior to September 18, 2003, as evidenced by the "New PCT Application Request Form" and "Invention Report" dated September 11, 2003 (attached hereto as EXHIBIT A) and for which an English translation is attached hereto as EXHIBIT B.
- 4. The invention disclosed in Exhibit "A" was diligently reduced to practice as evidenced by at least the filing of Japanese language application PCT/JP01/13446 on October 21. 2003 of which the present application claims priority.

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さて、下記案件について、出願国並びに出願ルートをご案内申し上げますので、期限までにお手配下 さいますようよろしくお願い申し上げます。 発明者情報につきましては、 添付の発明報告書をご参照願い ます。

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具体例

発明のポイントに関連のある図面(ブロック図、回路図、フローチャート画面表示例等)と、その説明(動作、仕様等) を簡潔に記載して下さい。

●目的

携帯ゲーム機において、ゲームをプレイしていてバッテリーの残量が残り少なくなった場合には、ユーザーはセーブして中断しようとすることが多い。

しかしセーブポイントなどでしかセーブできないゲームの場合は、たどり着くまでにバッテリー切れになる可能 性もある

このため、セーブを行うことができるようにゲームは通常通り進行させつつ消費電力を押さえたい。

●基本方針

PSPのCPUでは、処理負荷を軽くなると消費電力を少なくすることができるので、ここでは、描画のための CPU処理負荷をパッテリー残量に応じて軽減することで消費電力を少なくするという方法を使用する。

●実現方法

現在の3Dゲームでは、視点からの距離に応じてモデルのディテールを狙くすることでCPUの処理負荷を押さえることが広く行われている。

距離が遠くなるほど表示される物体の数は多くなるので、これは効果的である。

ここで、パッテリー残量がある値以下になった場合に、表示するモデルが視点から遠くなったと同じ処理を行う ことにより、画面全体のディテールを下げることができる。

これにより、CPUの処理負荷が軽減され、消費電力を押さえることができる。

●まとめ

バッテリー残量に応じてモデルなどの描画のディテールを変更することで、バッテリーが十分な時は通常通りい動作し、残量が少なくなってきたらディテールは下がるが、その分消費電力を押さえることでゲームを進行させつつ、セーブポイントにたどりついてセーブするなどの行為を確実に行わせることが可能になる。

ここでは3Dモデルのディテールを変更する例をあげたが、他にも、

- エフェクトの数などを減らす。
- ・圧縮サウンドのディテールを粗くすることで、処理負荷を軽減する。
- 2Dの場合にも動きを単純なものにする。

などを組み合わせることで、いっそう効果的になる。

残量に対応する処理を追加するコストについても、予め組み込まれているものを適用することで最小限に押さえることができる。

またパッテリーの残量が多くとも、長時間プレイすることが予想される場合は、ユーザーの設定により処理の変更を開始する値を変更することも可能である。

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NEW PCT APPLICATION REQUEST FORM

Dear Sir.

With regard to the following case, we listed the countries in which the applications need to be filed and indicated the application route. Please proceed with the filing of the application by the deadline. With regard to the inventor's information, please see the attached invention report.

The meeting was held on September 10th. The preparation of additional informational materials is under consideration. Please proceed with preparing the filing documents.

Sincerely yours,

Remarks

Our reference number: SC03030**00

Basic application number: (Our reference number: SCEI03027)

Filing date: , Assignment date: 2003/09/11

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Designation of US representative assignment:

Countries in which the applications need to be filed and an application route

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EXAMPLE

Please briefly describe the figures (block diagram, circuit diagram, example of flowchart screen display, etc.) related to the key points of the invention and the explanations thereof (operation, specification, etc.).

• Objective

In a portable game console the user, while playing a game, often saves the game and temporarily quits the game when the battery levels are low.

However, in the case of the game where saving is only allowed at a saving point and such, there is a chance that the battery runs out before the game can be progressed to reach a saving point and be saved.

For this reason, the power consumption needs to be lowered while the game is normally progressed so as to save the game.

• Basic Principle

Since power consumption can be lowered as the processing load is reduced in the CPU of a PSP, the method is used for lowering the power consumption by reducing the CPU processing load used for drawing in accordance with the remaining battery level.

Implementation Method

In a present 3D game, it is common to reduce the CPU processing load by lowering the level of details of a model as the distance from the model to the viewer's point of sight increases.

This is effective since the farther the distance, the larger the number of objects being displayed.

Thus, performing the same process as performed when a model being displayed moves away from the viewer's point of sight allows the level of details of an entire screen image to be lowered when the remaining battery level falls below a given value.

Accordingly, the CPU processing load can be reduced and power consumption can be lowered.

Summary

Changing the level of details of the drawing of a model, etc. in accordance with remaining battery level allows normal operation when the battery is sufficiently charged. When the battery runs low, the proposed approach lowers the level of details accordingly but allows a game to progress by lowering power consumption so that the game operation of, for example, saving the game at a saving point can be performed properly.

Given above is an example where the level of details of a 3D-model is changed. In addition, optional combinations of the following are further effective:

- Reduction of the number of effects;
- Reduction of the processing load by lowering the level of

details of compressed sounds; and

• Simplification of the movements of a model also in 2D mode.

The cost required to add an additional process to monitor the remaining battery level can be kept at minimum by applying the processes that are already installed.

Even when the remaining battery level is sufficiently high, it is also possible to change the value, which triggers the change of process, by the setting given by the user when it is anticipated that the user will play the game for a long time.

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